

REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment submits the above changes and the following information for entry into the record.

PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claims 1-39 have been cancelled (without prejudice or disclaimer), and new Claims 40-55 are presented herein in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's invention. That is, all such new claims are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 40-55 are pending for consideration and examination in this application.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

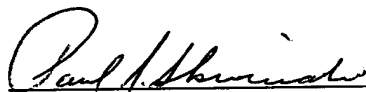
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being submitted prior to mailing of a first Action on the merits in this case, and is therefore timely.

Attached is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the additional claim fee. To whatever other extent is required, please charge any deficiency in the attached fees to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as No. 500.36100CX2)

Respectfully submitted,



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